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Journalist, representing Beijing Review; currently assigned as senior editor with the new English language People's Daily (possibly to be called the Beijing Times) which will begin publication later this year.

Born: Tianjin, China 1923.

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Mr. Guan arrived in the United States in early April, for a four month stay. During April and May, he is a Professional Journalism Fellow in Stanford's Department of Communication. During part of June and July, he will visit a number of American cities in order to meet professional counterparts and generally deepen his understanding of American society.

Although this is Mr. Guan's first visit to the United States, he had extensive contact with American journalists and officials during the 1940's; he served in a variety of positions with newspapers in Nanjing, and in 1948-49 was Bureau Chief for Agence France-Presse in Nanjing. After liberation (1949), he continued his work as a journalist and then taught and did translation work for a number of years in Beijing. His current position represents a return to journalism after an absence of about 15 years.

Mr. Guan is interested in understanding the prospective American "audience" for China's English language publications, potential distribution mechanisms, and the work of American journalists and media institutions. He has a particular interest in computerized typesetting and compositing, and in various newspaper format styles (e.g. tabloids). Mr. Guan also has a wide range of interests outside his professional field, among them the role and programs of independent research and policy analysis centers (such as RAND, Brookings, and SRI International.)

He also wishes to visit schools of journalism, where possible, and to explore future training opportunities for Chinese journalists within the United States.

Mr. Guan is fluent in English; no interpreting is required. He has given a number of stimulating talks on journalism in contemporary China and has participated actively in seminar discussions during his time at Stanford.

In Beijing, Mr. Guan is also associated with the Institute of Journalism, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.